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being 27 cases for the week ended 7th instant. The authorities are making every effort to prevent any spread of it.

The "sickly season," it would seem, has just opened, as the number of cases is far in excess of that at any time since the insurrection began.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

WALTER B. BARKER,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

PERSIA.

Quarantine against Bombay.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,
TEHERAN, PERSIA, *October 29, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit inclosed a copy and translation from the French of a report of a meeting of the Teheran or sanitary council, held on the 24th instant, to consider the question of the establishment of quarantine at the Persian Gulf ports. I am indebted to Dr. Wishard, who is a member of the council, for the report which was distributed only on the 27th.

So far as is known here the plague has not extended north of Bombay. Under any circumstances, it is a source of satisfaction to know that the quarantine regulations are to be under the direction of a doctor, who will, as far as possible, see that they are carried out.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN TYLER,
Vice Consul-General in Charge.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure—Translation.]

SANITARY COUNCIL OF TEHERAN.

Proposals made to the Sadr Azem by the sanitary council, October 24, 1896.

The sanitary council has unanimously decided that for the application of the sanitary measures no better person can be chosen for this purpose than the doctor attached to the English consulate-general at Bushire, who, by his scientific knowledge and also by his presence at the places exposed, is the best adapted to take immediate and efficacious measures to secure the object in view. Whilst leaving him free to judge of the ways and means, and to choose the places for the establishment of sanitary points of inspection, the council consider it to be their duty to call his attention to the necessity for fixing upon different exposed points on the Persian side of the Persian Gulf, especially those used in the coasting trade.

The council insists equally upon the obligation of making an inspection of vessels of eight complete days, without counting the time occupied during the voyage, and to leave out of the calculation eight days from the departure of the ship from the last Indian port, or from Bombay.

On the other hand, we will consider that it is absolutely necessary to disinfect in an especial manner, on their entry, all goods liable to infection, especially such as fresh skins, rags, etc.

Lastly, the sanitary council begs the Persian Government to give the fullest powers to the medical officer delegated for this service, that he may not lack anything on this ground for the prosecution of his important mission.

It would be advisable if the medical delegate would be so good as to put himself in communication with the sanitary council, who, on their part, will send him their reports, and an account of the deliberations at their meetings.

Dr. SCHNEIDER, *Reporter.*
JOHN TYLER, *Translator.*